INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: <u>Central School</u> Survey Number: <u>CT-507</u>
Project: MD 2/4 from N of MD 765 to Stoakley Rd. Agency: FHWA
Site visit by MHT Staff: no _X yes NameJoEllen Freese
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X_A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
The Central School building is significant as the first high school for Calvert County's black population. It was constructed in 1921 as the Central Industrial School. It was later used as an elementary school.
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form
CT-507 and HUD project file
Preparedby: MerryStinson
Elizabeth Hannold August 26, 1992
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
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Survey No. <u>CT-507</u>

CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

(1921; recent additions)

Prince Frederick

Public (not accessible)

Central Industrial School was both the first consolidated African American School in Calvert County and the first to offer a high school curriculum. In recent years, it was adapted for use as a shelter for abused persons.

The elegant symmetrical design of the wood-framed school features a central entry with fanlight, sheltered by a portico, and ranks of nine over nine, double hung classroom windows.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Central Industrial School (CT-507)

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): school

Known Design Source: Maryland State School Architect

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey	No.CT-507

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city, town Prince	e Frederick	vicinity of c	congressional district	
state Maryland		county Cal	vert	
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name Board of	Commissioners of Calvert	County		
street & number	c/o Calvert County Treasu	rer, 175 Main Street	telephone no.	: 410-535-2160
city, town Prince	Frederick	state	and zip code MD	
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The Central Industrial School has been adaptively reused as an abused person's shelter, Safe Harbor. It is located on the west side of Armory Road, north of the center of Prince Frederick. It is situated on a slight rise above the road on a site surrounded by trees. Recent additions have been made to the rear of the building, additions that are documented in Calvert County historic district files. Because of the sensitive nature of the present use of the facility, only the east facade was viewed and photographed.

An elegant composition, the school, along with the former Prince Frederick High School, is one of the few historic schools in Calvert County that displays architectural elaboration. The east facade of the building is a symmetrical, three-part composition. An entrance portico is centered on the east facade. This portico features square, wood box columns supporting a pedimented gable with deeply recessed tympanum. Centered in the tympanum is a lunette-shaped louvered vent. The foundation of the portico, constructed of poured concrete is a recent replacement. The portico shelters the central entrance door. This nine-light, two-panel door is flanked by two-light, half-length sidelines. This composition is crowned by a massive fanlight. To either side of the entrance are nine-light, wood-framed windows topped with fanlights. The outer bays of the east facade are marked by groups of four, nine over nine, double hung sash windows.

The building has a concrete foundation, walls sheathed in clapboards, and a boxed cornice. The shallow, hipped roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Square brick chimneys with corbeled caps are centered in the north and south roof slopes.

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The building is historically significant as the first African American consolidated school in Calvert County and the first African American school to offer a high school curriculum. It is architecturally significant for its finely crafted Classical Revival detail. The building, though enlarged and remodeled, retains its historic character and clearly possesses architectural integrity.

The genesis of the Central Industrial School is described in detail in Goddard's Persistence, Perseverance and Progress: History of African American School in Calvert County, Maryland, 1865-1965. This information is summarized below.

An important impetus to the construction of the schools for African American children were northern philanthropic organizations, including the Rosenwald Fund. Julius Rosenwald, a partner in Sears Roebuck, contributed over \$4 million to the building of more than five thousand "Rosenwald" schools in 15 southern states. The Calvert County school system, as many other segregated systems, took advantage of Rosenwald Fund money as an aid to funding the construction of schools or building annexes to existing schools. Beginning in 1921, a grant from the fund made it possible for Calvert County to embark on a major step forward in educational development and school modernization for African American students.

The theory behind the Rosenwald system was that land be available to build on without any cost. The land for the school was donated by Prince Frederick attorney Arthur W. Dowell. The proposed funding for the industrial school was noted at the October 19, 1920 school board meeting. The school was estimated to cost a total of \$7,000. The Rosenwald Fund would contribute \$1,000. The State of Maryland would contribute another \$1,000, while the remaining \$5,000 would be raised from bonds. When completed, the school was Calvert County's first multi-room school for African American children with four classrooms and a basement.

Central ultimately served as both an elementary and high school for grades 1 through 11. From 1921 to 1939 only grades 5 through 7 were taught there. Its first principal was Houston Jackson, a graduate of Howard University. He was followed by J.P. Layne, a graduate of Hampton's Trade School. His wife Nettie, a teacher, became principal of Prince Frederick Elementary School (grades 1 through 4) which was also housed at the site.

The Prince Frederick School was the forerunner of consolidated elementary schools in the county, bringing children from deteriorating neighborhood schools to attend classes in Prince Frederick. Teacher and administrator Ailene Stamper remembered that Barstow School was one of the first schools to feed students to Central. With the advent of bus transportation, Parker's Creek and Huntingtown also did so. The school became too small for the growing enrollment, and some of the classes met in the lodge hall of the Galilean Fishermen, a black fraternal order located next to the school. This building no longer stands.

Central was initially planned and approved as a vocational/industrial training school, but neither specialized training nor equipment was ever provided. As Ailene Stamper remembers:

When the school board hired J.P. Layne, it was in the agreement that he would organize a vocational program at that school. The concept was to teach trades such as shoemaking, shoe repair, and carpentry to boys and domestic science to girls. There was never any equipment, so the students who went there got English, Math, Science, and History (Stamper as cited in Goddard 1995:25).

The first graduation from the Central Colored High School was at the end of the 1933-1934 school year. The graduates were four young women: Audrey Gray, Selma Mason, Mary Morsell, and Rosalie Morsell.

As the number of African American students entering high school increased, the Central School was inadequate to this need. W. Sampson Brooks High School on Dares Beach Road was constructed as an African American high school, and the Central School continued as an African American elementary school. After the construction of a new elementary school, it was then used by the school district for storage. In 1992, it was converted to Safe Harbor, an abused persons shelter.

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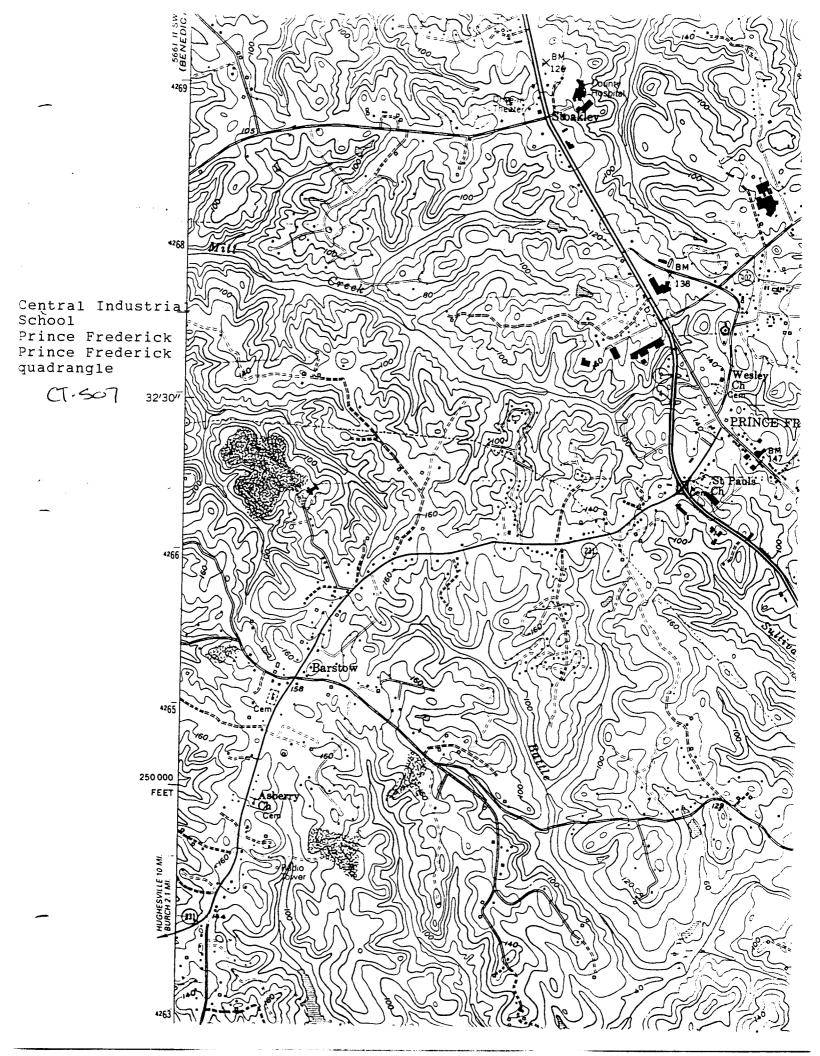
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CT-507 CENTRAL SCHOOL (Early 20th Century) Prince Frederick

A balanced composition of simple but pleasing elements distinguishes this small, one-story frame school. it is capped by a hipped roof.

Survey No. CT-507

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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street & number	Dares Beach	Road		telephone n	o.:
city, town	Prince Frede	rick	state	and zip code Mary	yland 20678
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This school building faces east, toward the intersection of Armory Road with Fairgrounds Road. It is an early twentiethcentury school building, set on a molded concrete block foundation. The structure itself is framed and sided with beveled weatherboards. The broad hipped roof is covered with decoratively molded sheet metal. There are interior brick chimneys located on the end walls. The main entrance is round-headed with lights all the way round. It is flanked by two smaller round-headed windows. On each side of the main doorway are two banks of four nine-over-nine doublehung-sash windows. A pedimented porch set on wooden piers atop a concrete plinth shelters only the three round-headed bays. The north end wall has no openings. The south end wall has only two doors. The west, or rear wall, has three separate banks of nine-over-nine windows. The building is painted yellow with white trim.

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street & number	Courthouse, Main S	treet	telephone (301) 535-2348
city or town	Prince Frederick		state Maryland 20678

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

C. early 20th century

A balanced composition of simple but pleasing elements distinguishes this small, one-story frame school. It is capped by a hipped roof. A chimney heats either end. The main facade features a series of four attached 9/9 sash windows to either side of a central, gable-roofed porch. Tapered square posts support the porch roof, which is ventilated by a semi-circular lowered opening. Sheltered by the porch, nine-pane windows topped by semi-circular windows flank the entrance. The main door features side-lights above panels, again topped by a semi-circular window. A wide board running under the eaves line is a feature often found in bungalows of the same period.

SPECIFIC DATES		BUILDER/ARCHITECT			
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1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)	
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION	
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE	
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
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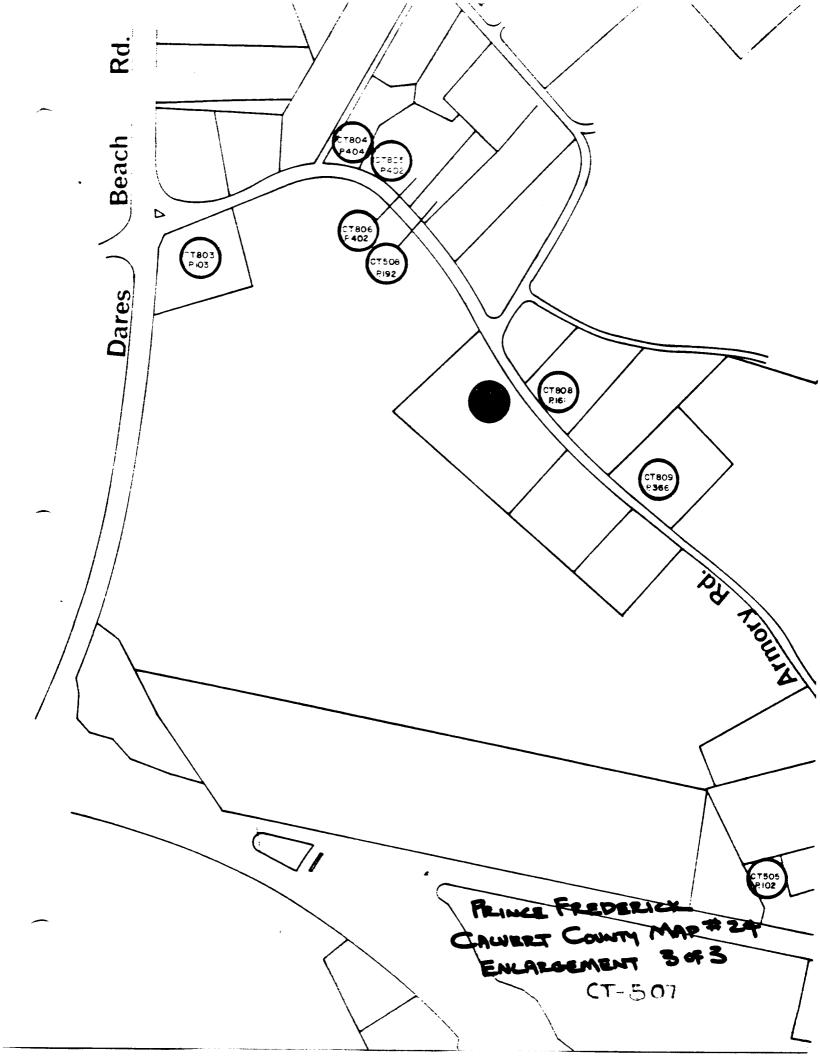
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Camille Wells 9/86 view from the southeast